

Dear Henry,

12/14/82

We enjoyed the story about your kids and their paper very much. Thanks. Here it is. The pix, which also told us what you all look like, also reminded me that I don't know where my waxer is. Same kind.

The old Underwood appears to be the identical model I had, mentioned in my letter to Robert. Great machine!

No suggestions re sniper's nest insert, Ch. V. I don't think you want to or need to lengthen it but if you decide otherwise. Day refused to give any more info re lift to FBI SA Vince Brain, who was sent back to get more. I've published the FBI's reports but don't remember where.

I do have a few for the dropped page in VI. The first two sentences should be combined to avoid stating that the WC did not take any testimony from any assassination witnesses before 4/1/64. I'd change last sentence Graf 1 because there is the official record of the FBI's report. Maybe "Thus the Commission left no official record of whether Dillard reported the Tague curb shot." I'll see if I made a separate copy of that report and if I did I'll send it or tell you what it says. My recollection is that it had to do with other pix. You don't close the parens, and where you close influences whether "About a week later" is accurate.

I'm a bit uneasy about the formulation for another reason: Dillard could have mentioned the curb shot and the FBI not included it in the report.

I did not make a copy for subject filing but can search the indices if you'd like. I have no independent recollection of whether it is in any disclosed WC file. I also do not recall whether I used it in an affidavit.

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I also checked the curbstone file. I found the page of Kilty's testimony to which I referred earlier, on the kinds of tests to make now and the withheld pages of the Lab work on the curbstone. Withheld in the litigation, that is. I'll send copies. The copy is the best that can be made of a poor original. The underscorings I added to my file copy. The first 3 pp arr Rrazier's and they were withheld, not the next 2, Shaneyfelt's. I was wrong in remembering the distance. This gives it at 23'4". Note that he stated there is a smoothing off and that, as I told you, Kilty said a concrete expert could detect a patch.

Lil is baking today. If she doesn't get around to copying I'll send those copies later.

Re Ruby polygraph, I have a letter today from one who spoke to Dr. Forrest Chapman recently: "Anyway, Chapman said he talked to Herndon, the man who administered the lie detector test to Ruby, and Herndon told him privately that the way the test was administered was a violation of all procedure in giving that kind of test, but as Herndon said, 'You have to do it the way the boss says.'" This reminds me of what Alan Sweatt told me, that he was put out of his own polygraph room when this happened, and a reasonably accurate quote, "When I left there was nobody remaining who knew how to give a good test."

On that "smoothing off," we tried to get Rrazier to testify to this when we deposed him, which was before I got his withheld report, and he refused on the ground that I was not paying him expert witness additional fees. Witness fees and costs are required to be paid in advance and were. He, Shaneyfelt and Gallagher all just happened to retire after I filed the 1974 request and before I could ask to depose them. I had to go to the appeals court to depose them.

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